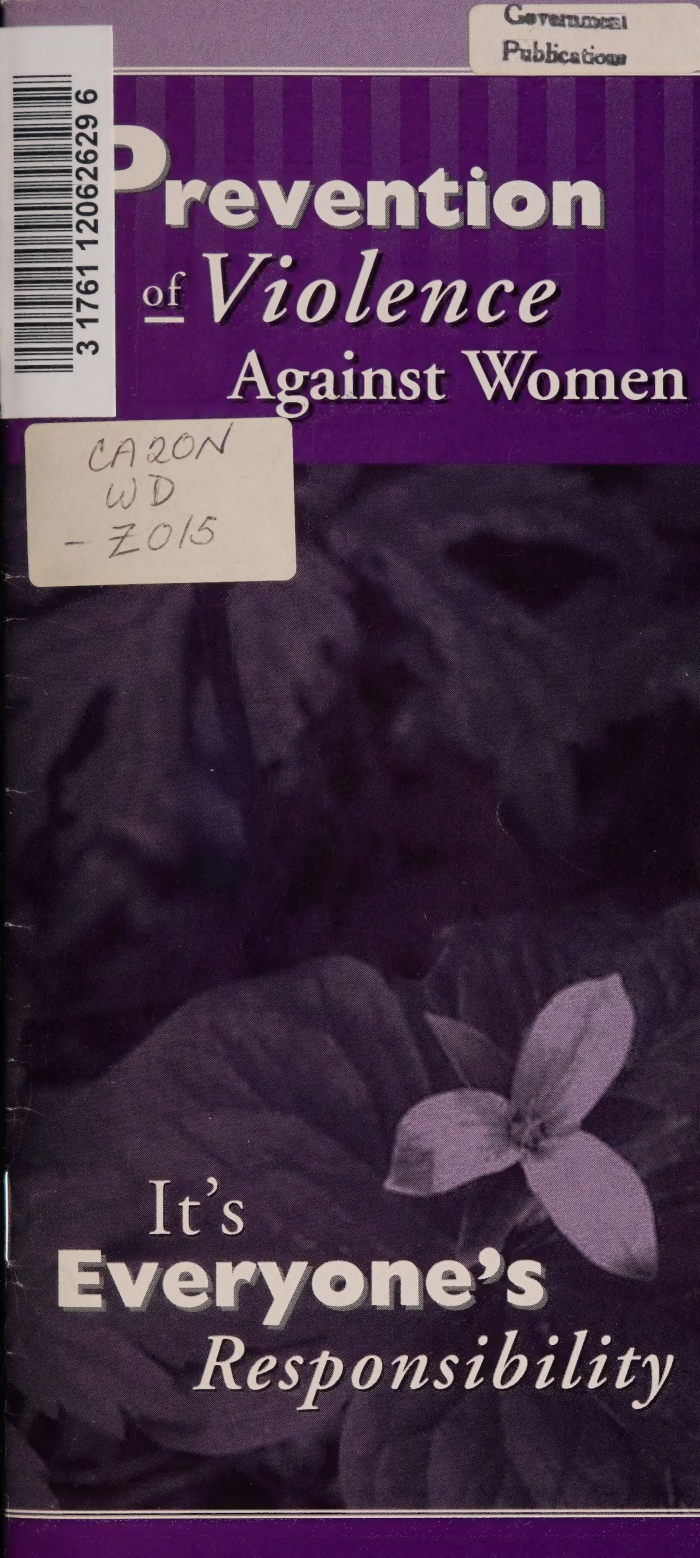


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A message from
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Women's Issues



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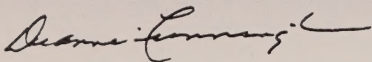
*T*his has been a century of remarkable achievement for women. As we approach the new millennium, it is time to renew our commitment to creating a world in which women and children are safe.

Preventing violence against women and their families is a key priority for the Government of Ontario. I am proud to present our Agenda for Action:

Prevention of Violence Against Women. Over the past two years I have met with many women and the organizations that serve them. After listening to that valuable advice, we have developed a long term strategy to advance women's services in three key areas: safety, justice and prevention.

Our plan directly addresses the issues of sexual assault and domestic abuse. It encourages local solutions and emphasizes the importance of building on community-based and specialized programs and services. This approach ensures that women seeking help from rape crisis centres, shelters and the courts will receive the support they need. As we look for a realistic way to stop the violence we must also remember the importance of education -- we must teach our children that violence is never acceptable.

We are reaffirming that domestic and sexual violence is a crime, and that abusers will be held accountable. Everyone has a role to play in addressing this issue. Violence against women: it's everyone's responsibility.



Dianne Cunningham
Minister

Action

Preventing violence against women is everyone's responsibility. The Ontario government is taking a leadership role to help stop the violence through a series of programs and initiatives. They are based on extensive consultation and conversations with women, their organizations and the professionals who serve them.

Throughout the consultation process, we listened to the needs of women who said government has an important role to play in this area. We heard that services must meet the many different needs within a community, the needs of women who are disabled, or Francophone, or who live in isolated areas. And we listened carefully to various proposals for making the system more responsive, more efficient and better suited to the realities facing women and their children in crisis.

Now is the time for action.

Our efforts focus on safety, justice and prevention. The initiatives we are taking cover nine government ministries and include more than 30 different programs. We are supporting this effort with more than \$100 million dollars in annual funding.

Our approach will encourage local solutions that meet the needs of women in their own communities. By recognizing and encouraging community-based planning and service co-ordination, we will achieve flexible local programs that best serve the needs of women in crisis.



s a f e t y

Nothing is more important than the right to personal safety. That's why our efforts are focused on making this province a safer place for women and their children who are the victims of violence. We support a wide range of crisis intervention and support programs. We are expanding our efforts to make sure that these programs are accessible and readily available to women.

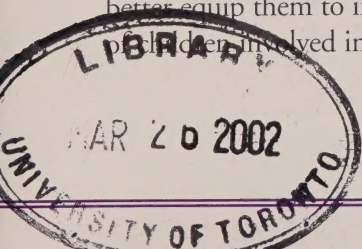
DID YOU KNOW?

71% of victims of femicide were killed by current or former domestic partners between 1991 and 1993.

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hat actions are we taking?

- ❖ Providing stable funding envelope for sexual assault centres
- ❖ Providing supports for abused women and their children, through shelters and counselling services
- ❖ Expanding services provided by sexual assault treatment centres at selected sites to ensure that victims of domestic abuse receive emergency hospital-based care
- ❖ Increasing the number of nurses trained to administer the Sexual Assault Evidence Kit so sexual assault victims will receive competent, compassionate medical care as quickly as possible
- ❖ Expanding services to address the particular needs of women with disabilities
- ❖ Developing a service plan to address the needs of Francophone women
- ❖ Providing special support for children who have witnessed violence through school boards and local children's agencies
- ❖ Training Children's Aid Society workers to better equip them to intervene on behalf of children involved in domestic violence



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Justice

Every citizen in Ontario deserves protection, especially those who are victims of violence. Our government is committed to ensuring the justice system is effective in supporting victims, and in holding perpetrators accountable for their crimes.

DID YOU KNOW?

At least two million women in Ontario can expect to be victims of a crime of violence at some point in their lives.

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hat actions are we taking?

- ❖ Expanding the Domestic Violence Assault Courts model by six new sites
- ❖ Coordinating cultural interpreter services in the domestic courts
- ❖ Enhancing support services for disabled women in domestic courts
- ❖ Increasing support for male batterer programs to address the current backlog in these programs
- ❖ Providing additional funding to increase emergency legal services available to women in crisis
- ❖ Continuing support services for victims of crime through the Victims Justice Fund, including: immediate on-site support to victims of crime; and a toll-free information line to provide victims with the specific details about the release of offenders

Prevention

All Ontarians need to do their part to prevent violence against women. By learning about and discussing this problem we can change attitudes. We are taking a leadership role by supporting an integrated approach to education and awareness programs.

DID YOU KNOW?

That over 50% of women aged 16 or older in Canada will have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence.

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hat actions are we taking?

- ❖ Expanding grants to school boards for school-based programs on issues of violence, and providing additional counselling to children who have witnessed or experienced violence
- ❖ Developing training material for elementary teachers so they can help children who are at risk
- ❖ Expanding violence prevention training for teachers, Crown attorneys, police, probation and parole officers
- ❖ Providing grants to develop new educational tools and approaches for use in educational, professional and broader public settings

IMPORTANT Numbers

There are shelters and safe homes that offer support and a safe place to stay temporarily. Most of these services are available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Alexandria

La Montée d'Elle (613) 525-5338

Alliston

People in Transition (My Sister's Place) (705) 435-3835
1-800-461-5419

Atikokan

Atikokan Crisis Centre (807) 597-1447
1-800-465-3348

Aurora

Yellow Brick House. (705) 727-1944
1-800-263-3247

Barrie

Women and Children's Crisis Centre (705) 728-6300
1-800-461-1716

Belleville

Three Oaks (613) 966-3074/75
1-800-267-0533

Blind River

Mississauga Band Family (705) 356-7800
1-800-461-2232

Bracebridge

Muskoka Transition House (705) 645-4461
1-800-461-1740

Brampton

Family Life Resource Centre (Salvation Army) (905) 451-4115
(905) 451-6108

Brantford

Nova Vita (519) 752-4357
1-800-265-0764

Brockville

Leeds/Grenville Interval House (613) 342-8815
1-800-267-4409

Burlington

Halton Women's Place II (905) 878-8555

Cambridge

Family Crisis Centre (519) 653-2422

Carleton Place

Lanark Interval House (613) 257-5960
1-800-267-7946

Chatham

Chatham-Kent Women's Centre (519) 354-6360
1-800-265-0598

Cobourg

Women in Crisis (905) 372-0746
1-800-263-3757

Collingwood

My Friend's House (Collingwood Crisis Centre). (705) 444-2511

Cornwall

Baldwin House. (613) 938-2958
1-800-267-1744

Dryden

Hoshizaki House (807) 223-3226
1-800-465-7221

East York

YWCA Shelter (416) 693-7342

Elliot Lake

Elliot Lake Crisis Centre (705) 461-9868
1-800-461-4623

Etobicoke

Women's Habitat (416) 252-5829

Geraldton

Geraldton Family Resource Centre (807) 854-1529

Goderich

Women's Shelter Counselling Services of Huron. (519) 524-6245
1-800-265-5506

Guelph

Women in Crisis (Marianne's Place). (519) 836-5710

Haileybury

Pavillion Transition House (705) 672-2128
1-888-871-9090

Hamilton

Inasmuch House (Mission Serv.) (905) 529-8600
Interval House (905) 547-8484
Martha's House. (905) 523-6277
Native Women Centre -
Hamilton Chapter of Native Women. (905) 522-1501

Hawkesbury

Maison Interlude (613) 632-1131
1-800-267-4101

Jackson's Point

Sandgate Women's Shelter of Georgina (905) 722-4043
1-800-661-8294

Kapuskasing

Habitat Interlude (705) 337-1122
1-800-461-8044

Kenora

Kenora Family Resource Centre. (807) 468-5491
1-800-465-1117

Kenora Dist.

Eabametoong First Nations (807) 242-7221

Kincardine

Women's House of Bruce County (519) 396-9655
1-800-265-3026

Kingston

Kingston Interval House (613) 546-1777
1-800-267-9445

Kitchener/Waterloo

Anselma House (519) 742-5894

Lindsay

Victoria's (705) 878-3662
1-800-565-5350

London

Atenlos (519) 438-0068
Women's Community House (Semja) Inc. (519) 564-3000
1-800-265-1576

Malton

Interim Place II (905) 676-8515

Manitoulin

Haven House (705) 377-5160
1-800-465-6788

Marathon

Marjorie House (807) 229-2222
1-800-465-3307

Matheson

Black River-Matheson (705) 273-2339

Mattawa

Mattawa Family Resource Centre (705) 744-5567

Midland

Rosewood Shelter (Huronian Tran.) (705) 526-4221
1-800-461-1750

Milton

Halton Women's Place 1 (905) 878-8555

Mississauga

Interim Place I (905) 271-1860

Moosonee

Moosonee Family Resource Centre (705) 336-2456

Napanee

Lennox and Addington Interval House (613) 354-1010
1-800-667-1010

Nepean

Nelson House (613) 225-3129
1-800-225-0034

Niagara Falls

Niagara Women in Crisis (Nova House) (905) 356-5800

North Bay

Nipissing Transition House (705) 476-2429
North Bay Crisis Centre (705) 474-1031
Ojibway Family Resource Centre (705) 472-3321

North York

North York Women's Shelter (416) 635-9630

Ohsweken

Six Nations Reserve -

Ganohwa Sra Family Assault Support Services (519) 445-4324

Orangeville

Family Transition Place (Hillside House) (519) 941-1433
1-800-265-9178

Orillia

Green Haven Shelter for Women (705) 327-7319

Oshawa

Denise House (905) 728-7311
1-800-263-3725

Ottawa

Interval House of Ottawa (613) 234-5181
La Présence (613) 241-8297

Owen Sound

Women's Centre Grey-Bruce, Inc. (519) 371-1600
1-800-265-3722

Parry Sound

Esprit Place (705) 746-4241/42
(705) 746-4800
1-800-461-1707

Pembroke

Bernadette McCann (613) 732-3131
1-800-267-4930

Peterborough

Cross Roads I (705) 743-4135
1-800-461-7656
Cross Roads II (705) 743-8922
1-800-461-7656

Red Lake

New Starts for Women (807) 727-3303
1-800-565-5368

Rexdale

Ernestine's (416) 746-3701

Sault Ste. Marie

Sault Crisis Centre (Women in Crisis) (705) 759-1230

Sarnia

Women's Interval House of Sarnia (519) 336-5200
1-800-265-1412

Scarborough

Emily Stowe (416) 264-4357
Homeward Family Shelter (416) 724-1316

Simcoe

Haldimand/Norfolk Women's Shelter (519) 426-8048
1-800-265-8076

Sioux Lookout

Women in Crisis (Sioux North) (807) 737-1438
1-800-465-3623

St. Catharines

Women's Place (905) 684-8331

St. Thomas

VAW Services, Elgin County (519) 633-0155
1-800-265-4305

Stratford

Optimism Place (519) 271-5550
1-800-265-8598

Strathroy

Women's Rural Resource Centre of Strathroy (519) 246-1526
1-800-265-5390

Sturgeon Falls

Sturgeon Falls Family Resource Centre. (705) 753-1154

Sudbury

Genevra House. (705) 674-2210
1-800-461-0133

Thunder Bay

Beendigen (807) 622-5101
Faye Peterson (807) 623-6600
1-800-465-6971
Thunder Bay Community Resource. (807) 625-2430

Toronto

Anduhyaun (416) 920-1492
Interval House (416) 924-1491
Nellie's Women's Hostel (416) 461-1084
Women in Transition (Bloor) (416) 533-1175
Women in Transition (Spadina H). (416) 967-5227
Woodgreen Red Door (416) 469-3457

Vanier

Maison d'Amitié (613) 747-0020

Wawa

Chadwic Home (705) 856-2848
1-800-461-2242

Welland

Women's Place (905) 788-0113

Winchester

Naomi's Family Resource Centre (613) 774-2838
1-800-267-0395

Windsor

Hiatus House (519) 252-7781
1-800-265-5142

Woodstock

Women's Emergency Centre (519) 539-4811
1-800-265-1938

York

York Shelter for Women (416) 249-7095

Sexual Assault Centres

There are sexual assault centres that offer crisis counselling (including crisis phone counselling) to women to deal with their sexual assault.

Barrie

Barrie and District Rape Crisis Line(705) 737-0464
1-800-561-9255

Brantford

Sexual Assault Centre of Brant(519) 751-3471

Brockville

Sexual Assault Centre of Leeds & Grenville.....(613) 345-4288
1-800-567-7415

Carleton Place

Lanark County Sexual Assault Centre.....(613) 860-0303
1-800-387-0844

Chatham

Chatham-Kent Sexual Assault Crisis Centre(519) 354-8688

Cornwall

Sexual Assault Support Services for Women of(613) 932-1705
Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry & Akwasasne Inc. 1-800-463-0174
(French language support) (613) 932-1705
(French language support) 1-800-463-0174

Dubreuilville

Algoma Women's Sexual Assault Services.....1-800-205-7100

Durham

Sexual Assault Centre of Grey & Bruce Counties1-800-720-7411

Guelph

Sexual Assault Centre of Guelph(519) 836-5710
1-800-265-7233

Hamilton

Sexual Assault Centre of Hamilton and Area.....(905) 525-4162
Le Centre des femmes de Hamilton(905) 528-0163

Huntsville

Muskoka-Parry Sound Sexual Assault Services1-800-461-2929

Kenora

Kenora Sexual Assault Centre(807) 468-7233
1-800-561-9255

Kingston

Sexual Assault Crisis Centre Kingston Inc.(519) 544-6424
1-800-661-4612

Kitchener

Sexual Assault Support Centre of Kitchener-Waterloo(519) 741-8633

London

London Sexual Assault Centre(519) 438-2272

Mississauga

Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Centre of Peel.....(905) 273-9442

Newmarket

Women's Sexual Assault Helpline and
Outreach Services of York Region.....(905) 895-7313

North Bay

Amelia Rising Sexual Assault Centre of Nippissing.....(705) 476-3355

Oakville

Halton Rape Crisis Centre(905) 875-1555

Orangeville

Sexual Assault Counselling Centre.....(519) 942-4433

Oshawa

Oshawa-Durham Rape Crisis Centre.....(905) 725-2241

Ottawa

Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre(613) 562-2333

Sexual Assault Support Centre.....(613) 234-2266

C.A.L.A.C.S.....(French language support) (613) 789-8096

Pembroke

Women's Sexual Assault Centre of Renfrew County1-800-663-2060

Peterborough

Sexual Violence Support and Information Centre
of the Kawarthas.....(705) 741-0260

Sarnia

Sexual Assault Survivors' Centre Sarnia-Lambton.....(519) 337-3320

Sault Ste. Marie

Algoma Women's Sexual Assault Centre1-800-205-7100

St. Catharines

Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre(905) 682-4584

St. Thomas

Sexual Assault Program of Violence Against Women, (519) 631-9252
Services Elgin County 1-800-387-1020

Sudbury

Sudbury Sexual Assault Crisis Centre(705) 675-1323

Le Centre Victoria pour femmes
.....(French language support) (705) 674-5456

Thunder Bay

Thunder Bay Sexual Assault/Sexual Abuse Counselling
and Crisis Line(807) 344-4502
(807) 345-0062

Timmins

Timmins Rape Crisis Centre(705) 268-8380

Toronto

Toronto Rape Crisis Centre.....(416) 597-8808
Oasis - Centre des femmes(French language support)(416) 923-9292

White River

Algoma Women's Sexual Assault Services.....1-800-205-7100

Windsor

Sexual Assault Crisis Centre of Essex County(519) 253-9667

For more information on the social, economic
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